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Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
ATTN: DHAC, PJ-12.1
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

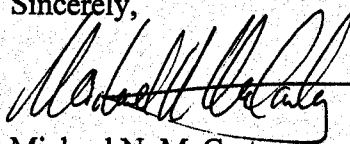
RE: Project No. 11880-000 -- Colorado
Ritschard Dam Unit Water Power Project
Initial Six-Month Progress Report Under Preliminary Permit

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed are an original and four copies of the initial Six-Month Progress Report under the preliminary permit for the proposed Ritschard Dam Unit Water Power Project. This report is submitted on behalf of the preliminary permittee, Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise of the Colorado River Water Conservation District.

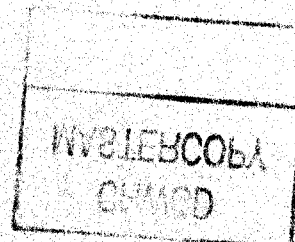
Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Michael N. McCarty
Special Counsel to the Permittee

cc: James Pearce, P.E.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise)
of the Colorado River Water Conservation District)

Project No. 11880-000

SIX MONTH PROGRESS REPORT
UNDER THE
PRELIMINARY PERMIT
FOR THE PROPOSED
RITSCHARD DAM UNIT WATER POWER PROJECT

Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise
of the Colorado River Water Conservation District
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Glenwood Springs, CO 81602

BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

*Preliminary Permit
Six Month Progress Report*

- (1) The Colorado River Water Conservation District acting by and through the Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise, preliminary permittee for the Ritschard Dam Unit Water Power Project, submits the following six-month progress report as required under Article 4 of the Director's order of June 25, 2001, issuing the preliminary permit. The report follows the requirements of Part 1 of the Federal Power Act and related regulations and Articles 1 through 4, set forth in standard form P-1.

- (2) The location of the proposed project is:

State or Territory:	Colorado
County:	Grand
Township or Nearby Town:	Kremmling
Stream or other body of water:	Muddy Creek and Wolford Mountain Reservoir

- (3) The exact name, business address, and telephone number of the permittee are:

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- (4) Progress report:

On February 6, 2001, Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise of the Colorado River Water Conservation District (permittee) filed an application for a three-year preliminary permit under Section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act to study the proposed Ritschard Dam Project No. 11880-000.

Public notice of the application was issued on March 16, 2001, establishing May 15, 2001, as the deadline for filing comments and motions to intervene. A motion to intervene was filed by the U.S. Department of the Interior to be a party to the proceeding.

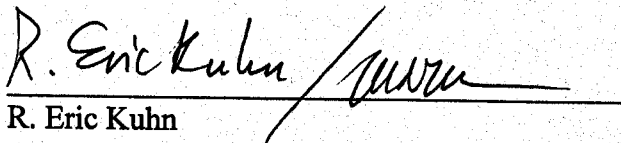
On June 25, 2001, the Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, issued a three-year preliminary permit for the project, effective June 1, 2001. The purpose of the preliminary permit is to maintain priority of application for a license during the term that the permittee conducts investigations and secures data necessary to determine the feasibility of the project and prepares an acceptable development application.

During the six month period from June to November 2001, the Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise has initiated efforts to determine the feasibility of the project. The District completed a Request for Proposals soliciting services from qualified engineering and consulting firms to begin studies associated with the project. In October the Enterprise Board of Directors took action approving a professional services contract with Montgomery Watson Harza to preliminarily evaluate project feasibility. Work on the evaluations began later that month and is presently ongoing.

The initial feasibility studies will evaluate power generation capability, identify potential power markets, review potential environmental issues, and provide conceptual engineering alternatives and feasibility level cost estimates. Baseline hydrology will be developed. It is anticipated that the efforts will continue throughout the subsequent six month period.

Please contact James Pearce, P.E. of our staff if further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,


R. Eric Kuhn
General Manager